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Police Department focuses on reducing crime

The Englewood Police
Department takes a multi-faceted approach to preserving the safety of the community. Chief of Police John Collins is dedicated to building partnerships with the community and making sure the Department works effectively to maintain Englewood's quality of life. "Working together with the

community, we can continue to ensure that Englewood is a great place to live, visit, and do business" he says.

With a strong emphasis on community-oriented policing, Englewood's police force focuses on enforcement, partnerships, and education.

Enforcement

Englewood's police force is made up of 72 officers who patrol the city and respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, the Department has an active Detective Bureau that works to solve cases. On the other end of the spectrum, the department also includes a Victims Assistance unit whose staff is available to provide resources and assistance to victims of crime.

The Police Impact Team also plays an important role in Englewood.

The Impact Team is very visible in the community, patrolling at special events, working with businesses to help curb crime, and meeting with

neighbors to help solve disputes before they turn into bigger problems. The Impact Team has even launched a new partnership to offer resources and assistance to Englewood's senior population.

Partnerships

When Police noticed a recent uptick in burglaries and robberies, they mobilized and joined forces with neighboring jurisdictions

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Save the Date! Citizen of the Year Celebration: May 14

"Working together with the

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is a great place to live, visit,

and do business."

Join us as we honor former Mayor and dedicated public servant Tom Burns as Englewood's 2012 Citizen of the Year on Monday, May 14 at 7 pm at the Malley Center. Watch for details in the May/June Englewood Citizen newsletter



Linda Olson
City Council Member
District 2

Message from City Council

Every year our City of Englewood staff does an outstanding job of securing grants from outside agencies to leverage and extend our current budget. 2011 was no exception and you should be seeing some of the great impacts of the nearly \$2 million raised in 2011 now and in this coming year. The following provide just a few highlights:

- Over \$850,000 from Arapahoe County Open Space funding allowed for park and open space improvements, including the Centennial Park Trail Loop and planning for Riverside Park along the South Platte River.
- A \$75,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant allows for further planning and enhancements of Duncan Park.
- Tri-County Health Department grants supported the development of a Complete Streets Toolkit to guide pedestrian friendly planning; in addition they provided the final work toward the Master Bicycle Plan, complete with connected routes, new signage, and bike racks.
- Our community policing program continues to benefit from the nearly \$300,000 COPS grant that supports the proactive work of our Police Impact Team.
- Over \$360,000 was awarded from several sources to support our emergency service departments with: new emergency medic equipment, a back-up generator, upgrade of the emergency Dispatch Center, GPS technology for Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, and educational initiatives for safety and enforcement.
- 500 qualifying Englewood children received swim lessons thanks to the "Make a Splash" grant from the USA Swimming Foundation.
- \$2,000 was awarded for a defibrillator for the library.

All of these grants and many more contribute to a healthy, safe, and clean city. We owe many thanks to our professional staff for capitalizing on grant opportunities to benefit our public and human resources.

As we continue to balance the work of minding the budget for the year and thinking proactively into the future, please stay in touch with your district council member to discover ways you can also can contribute to a healthy, safe, clean, and prosperous city. The city council is currently focused on goal setting that will guide us in the next several years. Your insight and energy is needed if we are to create and reach mutually satisfying goals for all.

As always, feel free to contact me at lolson@englewoodgov.org or H: 303-789-4799.

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Englewood City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open to the public and interested parties are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend a meeting and you have a disability requiring auxiliary aids or services, please notify the City of Englewood (303-762-2405) at least 48 hours in advance of when services are needed.

Improvements planned for Centennial Park Trail

Using Arapahoe County Open Space grant funding, Englewood's Parks and Recreation Department will soon begin renovations on the trail through Centennial Park. Construction is slated to begin in April and will continue throughout the summer months.

Centennial Park, located at 4630 South Decatur Street, boasts a lake, ballfields, a playground, a shelter pavilion, and a bicycle and pedestrian trail that connects to the Mary Carter Greenway Trail along the South Platte River. The enhancements will include widening the trail so users can pass each other safely, adding landscaping and bank erosion control measures, replacing the bridge by the lake so it is accessible by people with disabilities, and adding new educational kiosks along the trail.

Portions of the trail will be closed during construction. Signage will be placed along the trail to notify the public of the closures in advance. The newly improved trail should reopen in its entirety by late summer.



Replacement of this bridge with an ADA accessible bridge is just one of the improvements planned as part of the upcoming Centennial Park trail enhancements. Construction of the new trail is expected to be complete this summer.

Fighting Crime (Continued from page 1)

who were noticing similar patterns. These types of multijurisdictional efforts cast a broader net, increasing the chances of apprehending those responsible and sending a strong message that this type of activity is not tolerated in our area.

The Police Department also has active Neighborhood Watch and Business Crime Watch programs that help neighbors and businesses stay informed and work with each other and the Department to make the community safer.

Education

The Department offers ongoing educational programs for citizens that include "Coffee with a Cop" events, Citizens Police Academy training, self-defense classes, and more.

To help the community stay informed, Englewood's Police Department also participates in CrimeReports.com – an online

crime reporting system that lets residents and businesses see what crimes have taken place in their neighborhoods. The department also makes it easy for people to report crime tips online or by sending a text message to "EPDTIPS" (followed by your crime tip) to 274637 (CRIMES).

What can residents and businesses do to help curb crime in their neighborhoods?

Get involved! Join Neighborhood Watch or form a Business Crime Watch. Sign up for a citizen safety class or visit with officers over "Coffee with a Cop." If you have information on a crime in Englewood, submit a crime tip. The Police Department is committed to building and maintaining partnerships with the community, but they can't do it without you!

To learn more about the services offered by the Englewood Police Department and ways you can get involved, visit www. englewoodgov.org (under "Inside City Hall") or call 303-762-2490.

Coffee with a Cop

Join officers from the Englewood Police Department for coffee and discussion.

Thursday, March 15 9 - 11 am

Meet the Traffic Division at **Starbucks**

Floyd & Broadway

Free! Workshop for first-time homebuyers

Tuesday, March 13 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Englewood Civic Center

2nd Fl. Community Room, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

Register online at the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation's website (www.coloradohousingassistance.org) or call 303-572-9445, ext. 3 and leave your name and number. For general information on the class, call Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2349.

Utilities crews to flush water mains beginning April 16

Englewood's Utilities Department will undertake its annual "spring cleaning" by flushing water mains throughout the city. The project will begin Monday, April 16 and will run from 7 am to 11 pm daily for approximately a week, until all water mains in Englewood have been flushed. The flushing process helps clear out all the sediment and residue that have built up throughout the year.

Water service will not be interrupted, but it is possible that customers may notice small amounts of residue in their water during the flushing process. If you experience discoloration, run the cold water until the residue clears.

Due to the nature of the project and the limited amount of time available to complete it, crews are not able to provide residents with prior notification of their daily schedules.

Please contact the Utilities Department at 303-762-2635 if you have questions about the flushing process.

If you experience discolored water during the flushing process, run the cold water until the residue clears.

If I Were Mayor...

Attention 7th and 8th Graders!

The Colorado Municipal League has announced its annual "If I Were Mayor..." Essay Contest for 7th and 8th Grade students throughout Colorado. The contest is a great way for young people to research and learn about the services their local government provides.

Winners receive \$500 towards a CollegeInvest scholarship account and a chance to attend the Colorado Municipal League conference in Breckenridge this summer

Check with your teacher or visit www.cml.org for details on the contest. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, April 3.

News from Neighborhood Services

It's coyote mating season: use caution when walking pets

by Sergeant McKay, Code Enforcement Supervisor

It is breeding season for coyotes and Englewood's Animal Control Officers urge residents to keep a close watch on their pets. While



Coyotes can be aggressive during mating season. Residents are encouraged to exercise caution when walking their pets.

coyotes are seeking mates and breeding (from January through March) they are likely to be more prominent and may have a tendency to become aggressive.

Pet-owners are urged to exercise caution when walking their pets or letting them out in the yard. Small dogs and cats outside can be an attractive food source for coyotes and other wildlife. Always supervise your pet outside and keep your dog on a short leash while walking.

Due to state restrictions, the City of Englewood cannot relocate wildlife. Coyotes and other wildlife fall under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. For additional information on urban wildlife, visit the Division of Wildlife's website at www.wildlife.state. co.us or call 303-297-1192.

If you have general questions about other animal control matters, call our Code Enforcement Division at 303-762-2335.

NOTICE: The Malley Center will be closed March 5-10 for annual maintenance projects.

Great Egg Hunt

Sat., March 31 10 am sharp

Miller Field

3600 S. Elati Street

For kids 1 to 8 years of age. Bring your basket and hop on down to join the fun! Gates open at 9:30 am. \$1 per child

Ideas & Options for Life Expo

Thursday, April 12 3:30 - 6 pm

Malley Center

3380 S. Lincoln Street

This free drop-in expo for seniors and families provides information on resources and solutions for the challenges seniors in transition may experience.

Annual Author Open House and more at the Library

From ongoing events to special once-a-year happenings, the Englewood Library offers something for everyone! Here's a sample of upcoming programs:

- Brown Bag Book Club
 Third Thursday of every month
 from Noon to 1 pm.
- Second Chapter Book Nook
 The Book Nook offers a wide selection of used books at low prices in our newly expanded book sale room. (All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.)
- Children's Storytimes
 Thursdays & Fridays at 10:30 am;
 Family Storytime every
 Saturday at 3:30 pm.

- BookLovers
 Sunday, March 11 2 3 pm
 Looking for ideas on new books
 to read? Come in and hear
 what's new at the Library!
- Author Open House
 Sunday, April 22 1 3 pm
 Meet the Faces Behind the
 Books—the Library's 13th Annual
 Colorado Author Open House
 —will introduce new titles and
 new authors. Come in and meet
 a favorite author, or find a new
 favorite. Books will be on sale at
 the library and authors will be
 available to sign them.

Visit www.englewoodgov.org for details on these and other events at the Library.

Snow Removal Reminder

Englewood's Code Enforcement Division offers a friendly reminder to residents and businesses that you are responsible for removing the snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to your property within 12 hours after the snow stops. Please keep in mind that the snow cannot be pushed into the street if it hinders traffic flow. For more information, please visit Code Enforcement online at www.englewoodgov.org or call 303-762-2335.

Englewood Police Department partners with U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 28 • 10 am to 2 pm

Miller Field Parking Lot • 3600 S. Elati Street

The Englewood Police Department is hosting a "Take Back Day" drop-off site so residents can safely dispose of expired or unused medications. For details, visit the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's website (www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov) or www.englewoodgov.org.



New Business Update

As space allows in the *Englewood Citizen*, we like to keep the community posted on new businesses that have recently opened or will open soon. The City of Englewood welcomes the following new businesses:

Active Event Management and Fundraising, LLC 3531 S. Logan Street, D-176 720-389-5055

www.ActiveEMF.com

This new business provides event hosting and fundraising services to organizations such as schools, churches, non-profits, and sports teams in need of additional funding or equipment.

Bartertown Comics 800 Englewood Pkwy., Unit C106 303-949-4951

www.bartertowncomics.com

New to CityCenter Englewood – specializing in new and vintage comics, graphic novels, action figures, cards, and posters.

The Honest Mechanic 3937 S. Lipan Street 720-304-2902

TheHonestMechanicColorado.com

There's a new auto repair service in Englewood, featuring mastercertified ASE technicians offering repairs on all makes and models.

Pangea Yoga, Massage, and Expressive Arts Center 1008 E. Hampden Avenue 720-458-0634

www.pangeacenter.com

Pangea's integrative therapies unite the best of Eastern tranquility and Western dynamism, ancient practice and modern knowledge.

Spectrum Plumbing, Inc. 1825 W. Caspian Place, Unit 6 303-984-6243

www.spectrumplumbing.com Spectrum Plumbing is open for business in Englewood! This 24hour company handles plumbing for new construction, remodels, all

service work, and drain cleaning.

Community Gardens Update

Englewood School Community Gardens at Clayton Elementary & Charles Hay World School Plots at the new school gardens are all spoken for, but organizers are seeking donations of gentlyused tools, seeds to be used for school projects and gardens, and plants (perennials or annuals). All items can be dropped off at A&A Trading Post, 4509 S. Broadway. For more information on the school gardens, visit www.

Englewood Community Garden

englewoodgov.org (under "Our

Community").

There are a few plots left at the Englewood Community Garden, located at Dartmouth and Galapago just north of Cushing Park. Pick up an application packet at the Malley Center (3380 S. Lincoln), Recreation Center (1155 W. Oxford) or visit www.englewoodgov.org (under "Our Community") for more information.



Englewood Arts presents Chamber Music of the Masters

Olga Wolosyn Annual Memorial Concert Saturday, March 24 • 2 pm

A musical tribute to Englewood's late beloved Mayor, Olga Wolosyn; featuring Grieg's Sonata for Cello and Piano in A minor, and works by Beethoven, Pärt, and Piazzolla.

The Papilia String Quartet • Saturday, April 28 • 2 pm Featuring Dvorak's String Quartet in F, with Judith McIntyre on cello, Mary Cowell on viola, and Rachel Klaus and Tena White on violin.



Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center

(2nd floor of the Civic Center) 1000 Englewood Parkway

Tickets: \$15/Adults • \$12/Seniors • \$5 Students. Tickets may be purchased at the box office one hour before the performance. Visit www.englewoodarts.org for more information.

Parks Division to celebrate Arbor Day

Englewood's Parks Division will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree give-away at Cushing Park on Saturday, April 21 from 8 am until the trees are all gone.

A variety of trees will be available, including fruit-bearing trees, ornamentals, and shade trees, all

Arbor Day Tree Give-away

Saturday, April 21 starting at 8 am

Cushing Park 700 W. Dartmouth



suitable for Colorado's climate. The trees will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parks crews and Keep Englewood Beautiful members will be on hand to help load trees and answer questions about the different varieties.

Englewood has been named a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 27 consecutive years. The Foundation bestows this honor on cities across the country that place an emphasis on the importance of trees in an urban environment.

HOLE-N-ONE JUNIOR GOLF

Sign up now for Broken Tee Englewood's popular junior golf program for kids ages 5-15. Sessions start June 4th. Check your spring "Play Englewood" guide or visit www.brokenteegolf.com for details on the Hole-N-One program and other classes & specials at the golf course!







Epic Spring Cleaning Event Returns

A benefit for ARC Thrift Stores and Inter-Faith Community Services

Saturday, April 28 8 am to 2 pm

Home Depot

3000 W. Belleview Avenue Littleton

The cities of Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan and South Suburban Parks and Recreation are partnering on the third annual "Epic Spring Cleaning Event" to benefit ARC Thrift Stores and Inter-Faith Community Services.

Bring your gently-used clothing, household items, and furniture to the drop-off site in the parking lot of the Littleton Home Depot. All proceeds go to benefit ARC Thrift Stores and Inter-Faith Community Services. Donors will receive a tax donation slip.

Want to help? Volunteers are needed to assist participants unload donated goods at the drop-off site. Contact David Diedrich with ARC Thrift at 720-299-3120 if you would like to volunteer.

Visit www.arcthrift.org to learn more about ARC Thrift Stores. Visit www.ifcs.org to find out about the services provided by Inter-Faith Community Services.

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Upcoming Events Thurs. Mar. 1 Neighborhood Watch/Volunteer Meeting 6:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Community Room Night of the Stars Youth Talent Show Fri. Mar. 2 6 - 8 pm Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway **Englewood City Council Meeting** Mon. Mar. 5 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers Coffee with a Cop (Meet the Traffic Division) Thurs. Mar. 15 9 - 11 am Starbucks at Floyd & Broadway (See page 3) Fri. Mar. 16 Malley Center's St. Patrick's Day Lunch 11:30 am 3380 S. Lincoln St. (\$7 in advance/\$9 day of - get tickets at Malley front counter) Mon. Mar. 19 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers Sat. Mar. 24 Englewood Arts Concert (Olga Wolosyn Annual Memorial Concert) 2 pm Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway (See page 6) **Great Egg Hunt** Sat. Mar. 31 10 am Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati Street (See page 5) Malley Center Fitness Challenge Kick-Off Event Mon. Apr. 2 8 am - Noon Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street Mon. Apr. 2 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers Ideas & Options for Life Expo Thurs. Apr. 12 3:30 - 6 pm Malley Senior Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln Street (See page 5) Mon. Apr. 16 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2nd Floor Council Chambers Arbor Day Tree Give-away Sat. Apr. 21 8 am Cushing Park, 700 W. Dartmouth Avenue Colorado Author Open House Sun. Apr. 22 1 - 3 pm Englewood Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway (See page 5) **Zumba Gold Dance Party** Fri. Apr. 27 5:30 - 7:30 pm Malley Center, 3380 S. Lincoln (\$8 in advance/\$10 day of - get tickets at Malley) Sat. April 28 **Epic Spring Cleaning Event** 8 am - 2 pm Home Depot, 3000 W. Belleview Ave. in Littleton (See page 7) **Prescription Drug Take Back Day** Sat. April 28 10 am - 2 pm Miller Field Parking Lot, 3600 S. Elati Street (See page 5) Englewood Arts Concert (Pailia String Quartet) Sat. April 28 2 pm Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway (See page 6) Due to space constraints, we don't have room to list all meetings or events. Please check the Calendar

of Events on www.englewoodgov.org for a complete listing.

Mark Your Calendars

for South Suburban Park Foundation's annual Trail Cleanup Event

When: Saturday, April 21

8:30 am

Where: Progress Park Shelter

(off W. Belleview Avenue and S. Hickory Street, just east of Cornerstone Park)

Grab your work gloves and come help clean the trails we all use and love! Don't forget to dress appropriately (long pants & long-sleeved shirt), and bring sunscreen and a water bottle.

For more information and to register, visit www.sspf.org.

